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Editors' Table.

THE seventh annual banquet of the Athletic Association, held at Rutland, Vt., Oct. 30, was the most successful banquet ever held under the auspices of this organization. Heretofore these banquets have been held in Middlebury, but this year the boys made up their minds that they could have more enjoyment in some other place. We think this is a pleasant departure from the old custom, and hope that it will be repeated. Such gatherings of the students have a tendency to lessen fraternity and class lines, which sometimes become too tightly drawn, and to promote a good, hearty college spirit, a thing in which we as students are lacking. College spirit that will move every student to do his best to help on our rising foot-ball team, a college spirit that will lead every student to subscribe and help on the college paper, a college spirit that will move the students to their best everywhere and at all times, for their Alma Mater, is something we need and must have. All movements which tend to propagate such a feeling should be encouraged.

IN another column appears a communication regarding the reading room. The plan of keeping the papers on file for a time, if carried out, we believe will prove most satisfactory. Everyone has felt annoyed at being unable to find papers in the room, that should be there, and has been disgusted to find others cut or ripped to pieces. System, order and complete files are certainly desirable things in the management of the papers; the method of procuring the papers directly by mail which has been adopted by the committee is proving highly satisfactory. More chairs and further conveniences, we understand, will soon be furnished. Everyone should make it a point to aid in protecting and properly preserving the furniture and papers of our well supplied reading-room.

THE thinning and trimming process that has been going on in the campus has resulted in an improved appearance in the college surroundings. The east rooms of Starr Hall are lighter and the general aspect is less woodsy than formerly. A landscape gardener will soon give his opinion as to the fitness of further work in this direction. If the cutting down of old trees, or the spruces of Waldo Avenue, will improve the appearance of the campus, it should be done, notwithstanding any fond remembrances or hallowed associations that may be connected with their existence.

STEAM-HEATING appliances have been recently placed in the ladies' dormitory. The trustees have been enabled to do this through the kindness and generosity of certain alumni and friends of the

institution. It would certainly be a desirable thing if Starr Hall could be warmed in like manner. Steam-heating is now recognized as the cheapest, most efficient and convenient method for warming all large buildings; with our dormitory once fitted with steam the cost of heating for its occupants would be less, and no bother with coal and stoves. Will not the trustees or some of the alumni give the matter consideration?

WE are pleased to note that every member of the Freshman class has placed his name on our subscription list. But the student must not think that he has done all he can for the UNDERGRADUATE when he pays his dollar. It is the duty of every man in college to contribute something in a literary way to the columns of the paper. Many students imagine, although they are lacking in neither time nor ability, that they owe nothing of this nature, that it is the duty of the several editors to carry on their departments and are ever ready to find fault with those having the matter in charge. We hope that they will hereafter take a different view of the matter and take an active part in assisting the editors in making the UNDERGRADUATE a good college paper.

Alumni Department.

[*Contributions from Alumni solicited for this department. Class-histories, reminicences, obituaries, biographies, literary articles, ana papers upon current topics are always in order and desired.*]

THE CLASS OF '59.

BY PROF. W. R. SHIPMAN.

THE years 1855–59 are not especially important in the history of Middlebury College. They saw no great changes of policy, no overturn of the chairs of instruction, no serious rebellion among the hundred students. They were, on the whole, quiet and prosperous years, such as the historian may glide over with an easy pen.

They were, however, the most significant four years of her existence to the little group of students whom they taught to love and honor their *alma mater*. We were but nine at graduation, we are six at this time of writing. We have so far maintained the quiet ways she taught us. We have not turned the world upside down. We have not been to Congress, or to the State house, or anywhere sat in the seat of the scornful. Only one of us is known to have written a book, and even that has not yet been read by the other five.

What material for history the editor of the UNDERGEADUATE thought might lie concealed under our six-and-thirty years of class existence he has not told, nor has it entered into the heart of the man he has ordered to write. He and his readers must be content with the short and simple annals of the poor. That is, during the thirty-two years since our graduation.

We have not been idlers. Not one of the nine had reached his tenth year without compulsory education in the art of working for a living. Not one of them, so far as known, has been permitted to forget the art. They were all Vermonters. A few from other States found their way into the class, but only natives endured to the end. Most of them went about the life-work they had planned for in school and college. Five entered into the labors of the Christian ministry, with no delay except for the necessary preparation. Their record is an honorable one. Segur and Watts were long ago called from their earthly labors; their works continue in grateful and loving remembrance. Bailey, ten years in Vermont and twenty as a faithful home missionary in what was once the West; Blake in important pastorates in Ohio and New England and in various offices of high responsibility; Severance as a pastor and seminary principal and agent of the college, have alike done well what they undertook and have been blessed in their doing. The Congregationalist church, the college which contributed to their equipment, and the class of '59, a large part of which they were, will not be ashamed of these five names.

Of the remaining four it is a more varied story, but not more creditable to the actors. Cadwell, the one of all the class whose purposes had not taken shape before graduation, gave his life in the war for the Union. Knight, long time a schoolmaster, least known of all to his classmates, continued, no doubt, the elusive, inscrutable "Nox" of our college days. Lane, the one that knows no turning, the only member of the class whose title as Doctor was earned, has these many years been as much respected in the town of his birth as though he had been born in another State and received his education in foreign universities. Shipman not only missed being the lawyer he talked about when in college, but like so many others he began teaching to pacify his creditors, and he has kept at it ever since, although they are not yet paci-

fied. He also became a preacher, without preparation and therefore without a parish.

From this sketch it is plain that the class of '59 makes a very small figure in the college annals. Three asterisks and a few less significant symbols mark their names. Two members, however, have caused their names to reappear in subsequent classes, Lane in '88 and Severance in three already, presumably to be concluded in our next. It is to be understood that Sev's loyalty is largely due to his having more boys. Indeed, so far as the writer knows, he has as many boys as have all his classmates together, and half as many girls. In other homes are more vacant places.

If this article aimed at historical completeness, it would say something of those members of the class who did not continue to graduation. They are as many as we who have place on the permanent records. Some of them were our best men, or as good as the best. As a class we should be glad to have the credit of their achievement. One of them, Ware, brought such classical scholarship as most of us had not dreamed of. We could look at a page of Greek and say words that we had culled from the dictionary; we could even quote many rules of grammar as we put the words together; but he read Greek and his English was only second to it. Although he left us and afterward resuming study graduated at another college, he cherished "Old Midd" with ardent affection, and, when he lately died, left no truer friend among her alumni or in her councils. Redington left us, but not the college, and what he has since accomplished does not modify the feeling with which we saw him join '60. Thompson went West and became a popular schoolmaster, a university professor and a preacher. Armstrong, of pleasant memory, died in the early sixties. Aiken, more romantic than mathematical, spent a college vacation at Washington, was caught in the whirl of society and politics, lost his interest in college life, married by photograph and made his residence at the capital, where he died after a few years. Pierce has long defied the writer's efforts to rediscover him, and Dobie has no niche in our temple of post-graduate fame. There were other names sometime on our list, no longer even so tangible.

So much, or rather so little, of the class since 1859. What of the four years in college? That was probably intended for the topic of this article, and what has been said must serve as a retroduction.

In college we were a small class between two much larger. There was, consequently, a tendency to occupy more space than we could fill, and there was too little adhesiveness of particles. A long look backward suggests that we were never strong in class spirit, that we were hardly the power even our small number might have been with better organization. Individually we about held our own in the student body. Nor as a class did we let the multitude on either side trample us under foot. We showed a proper if futile resentment when a midnight invasion from below made it necessary for our best looking man to accept a testimonial wig. Our valiant champions were alert to suppress unmitigated and not too formidable nuisances. We mightily resolved a "ram," were decoyed by the wily junior into making it a very boomerang, and when accident discovered our peril, saved ourselves by concocting another in twelve hours. Did I say we were wanting in class spirit? And we tried to stand together for some better objects. We did what we could to check the disintegration of the public society when the new Greek letter societies attracted chief attention. I think we joined hands to sustain most of the efforts made by either students or faculty to improve the condition of college life. Of course we saw a great deal to criticise, and as there was no UNDERGRADUATE in those days we let off steam in animated discussion.

On the whole they were good days for the college and for the men who resorted to it. There were traditions of a greater day, when her classes were among the largest in New England. But President Labaree's administration had been prosperous, and there was very little of that depression of spirit which subsequently became a chronic condition of the friends of the college and has only recently been overcome. The student body comprised a large measure of ability. As the graduate of '59 recalls the membership of the seven classes he came in contact with, and the distinction many have achieved, he appreciates, as he probably did not at the time, the educational value of intercourse with such men. It has somehow been characteristic of Middlebury graduates—from the beginning—to get their full share of recognition in every field of honorable activity.

It is not for the writer, so long out of school, to tell tales of the peculiar college life of those days. If he were to rehearse the dry wit, say of Segur and Lane, or that sometimes not so dry of which his class-

mates were often enough the target, the readers of the UNDERGRADUATE might think him an antiquated jest-book. But we could not have enjoyed our many hardships if the spirit of fun had not abounded. By its help we bore without complaining what the students of today would shudder to contemplate. Think of going half a mile for breakfast before sunrise on a winter morning, after an hour's recitation by the dim light of an oil lamp in a smoky room. And the recitation had been preceded by chapel service. which all must attend! It was only the humor of it that saved us; the joke of the President's walk from the other side of the river, or of some fellow getting stuck in a snow-drift half way down to East hall (where the schoolhouse now stands), or of the stern bell-ringer's lockout of the laggards who could not get up and dress (?) after the last bell began to toll. Then there was great fun in connection with the examinations in midsummer, which included all the work of one year or two years or three, according to the class we were in. It is better not to tell just what these jokes were, but we laughed over some of them as long as we stayed in college. I think the boys must take their learning more seriously now. I would not imply that we made light of our college business. Our instructors were thoroughly in earnest, and we owe much to our personal relations with such men. To spend years in daily intercourse with the modest, scholarly Robbins; the massive, genial Boardman; Parker, the model of courtesy and kindness; or Hadley, worthy representative of a wonderful family of learned professors—this was a high privilege indeed, one which we value more truly the longer we live. And these men were not merely our teachers in the daily class-room round, they were our friends, meeting us always in a cordial spirit. When the writer sought admission to the college, he called at Prof. Parker's house for examination in mathematics. The professor left his dinner table that he might not keep the would-be Freshman waiting, and with that suavity which charactertzed all his intercourse with the students, mentioned two or three little matters of algebra as though he would politely refer them to the superior judgment of his caller. Then he went back to his dinner and the Freshman had set out auspiciously on four years of helpful and refining acquaintance. How well remembered, too, are occasional brief personal talks of our favorite Professor Boardman, when his face, which seemed made for sternness, kindled with the ardor of his strong spirit, and the harsh voice grew mellow as with laughter. He wasted no words in class-room or in public discourse. We still think of him as no small part of our college education.

There were some auxiliaries of the college in 1855–59 that stand out in importance as they are still constantly recalled. The Green Mountains and the Adirondacks and the rich breadth of the Champlain valley have ministered their strength and inspiration to earlier and later classes as to ours. Middlebury is fortunate indaed in her natural surroundings. In our day there were also many able men of whom students saw and heard something in town. We were told, of course, of giants in the earlier days, when Middlebury was the residence of some of the ablest professional men in the State. No doubt there had been some falling off from Judge Samuel Phelps, and Slade and Wainwright and Merrill and their peers, but we were not poorly surrounded. It was a preacher of great power whom we heard in the college church during our first year or two. And if Middlebury lawyers and Addison county bar had declined, they had not become weak. We knew that Stewart had in him the making of a Congressman, a governor, or greater yet for that matter. And when Rutland and Chittenden counties sent their lawyers to re-enforce our own there were lively times. That little court house against which Jack Russ, he of the well developed understanding, was said to have stubbed his toe when looking in vain for the great temple of justice, was the scene of many an intellectual combat, which it was good for us to attend. It was a great hour for the student when E. J. Phelps and George F. Edmunds crossed swords. And there were many men, less widely known to fame in later years, who were then rivals even of these in our admiration.

So, to bring this rambling article to a close, it may be said again that we of '59 knew Middlebury in good days, and for what she was to us within her walls and in her environment, we owe her grateful acknowledgement.

'47. **Daniel D. Gorham**

WAS born in the west parish of Rutland, September 8, 1817, and died at Northampton, Mass., October 26, 1891. Although he had passed the three-score-and-ten milestone, Professor Gorham had until within a few months of his death continued

in active service, being compelled to resign because of the increasing infirmities incident to advanced age.

He worked upon the farm until nearly 22 years of age, finding much pleasure in the sports of the field. But at this period he resolutely determined to secure a thorough education, and accordingly worked his way through a training course at Castleton Seminary and entered Middlebury College, graduating from that institution in the class of 1847. He soon went to Champlain, N. Y., as principal of the academy, where he taught four years, marrying while there. He became the principal of the Malone. N. Y., academy, remaining ten years, and from thence came to Montpelier, as head of the high school for eleven years. He then went to Northampton, Mass., as head master of the Central high school, where he labored for twenty years, until his health failed, compelling his resignation and ending his life work.

He has given valuable service to local educational interest to effectively good purpose to the people among whom he has resided.

Professor Gorham was a man of marked individuality and self reliance. He succeeded in a rare degree in developing individuality of character and purpose in his pupils, and bringing out the latent powers of men and young women in his methods of instruction and watchful study of personal traits. "I owe much of all I am today to Professor Gorham," is the testimony of many a now prosperous and respected middle-aged man or woman who have been brought under the influence of his teaching and example. His character and his work have alike been an honor and a blessing to the communities in which he has labored. He was a strong, wise and valuable man every way, but was pre-eminently a teacher. This is one of the highest callings, because the teacher works on material at a period when it is most plastic. His work enters into the home life, because it shapes the character and moulds the life. The influence of such a teacher as Mr. Gorham has been is very wide in its reach. The quality of his work has been excellent. He worked on the conscience, disposition and honor of his pupils. He was not a formal theoretic or abstract instructor. His effort was to develop the whole nature. His aim was not so much an orderly or a popular instruction, as to build individual men and women. He was the most unselfish of men; his friendships wide; his works follow him in the life of his pupils.

While at Montpelier he was associated on the board of education with Hiland Hall, Timothy P. Redfield, Merritt Clark, M. H. Buckham and Pliny H. White.

A widow, Robert G., a son, of Boston, and four daughters, Mrs. Jennie Bliss of South Hadley Falls, Mrs. S. B. Parsons and Misses Mary and Anna Gorham of Northampton, Mass., survive him.—*Montpelier Argus.*

'62. **John A. Fitch**

Died in Highgate, July 29, of typhoid fever. Mr. Fitch was born in Sheldon, April 25, 1839, graduated at Middlebury College in the class of 1862, chose the profession of the law and located in Highgate in 1863. He saw service in the war for the Union as sergeant in Company E, 12th Vermont volunteers. Soon after Mr. Fitch located in Highgate, he was appointed deputy collector of customs at that point and served with great acceptability until the change in administrations in 1885. He represented his town in the legislature of 1886, and served as chairman of the committee on game and fisheries, and on the committee of highways, bridges and ferries. He was an eminent Mason, being a member of the "blue lodge" at Sheldon and of the higher bodies in St. Albans, including the commandery. In the spring of 1890 Mr. Fitch became a member of the law firm of Ballard, Burleson & Fitch, and removed to St. Albans, where he has since resided. He was taken ill about a week before his death, and returned to his former home in Highgate, where he passed away. He was an upright and estimable citizen, and every one who had the pleasure of his acquaintance will deeply mourn his sudden taking off. He was a thorough gentleman, high minded, pure and honest; a man governed by right principles and was true to his convictions. No one knew him but to respect him, and he lived and died appreciated for his worth, and without an enemy.

Communications.

The editors do not assume responsibility for any article in this column. Its sentiments, however, are open to editorial criticism.

EDITORS OF THE UNDERGRADUATE:

I desire to communicate with the students through the columns of the UNDEEGRADUATE concerning the reading-room. Will we as students equally supporting and therefore equally entitled to the privileges of

our reading-room, submit to the impositions perpetrated by those few of our number who clip and appropriate our papers and magazines? No sooner has the daily reached the file than its mutilation begins; in the course of a couple of days some one comes in, sees something he would like to read in it and takes it off and puts it into his pocket until he has more time. About one-half of those who would like to have obtained a view of the weeklies, when some of them have come up missing; some one has found an article or cartoon that he admires or can make some use of, and reasoning: "I have as good a right to it as any one else," walks off with it; the following out of this line of thought and action accounts for the prolonged absence of the September and October numbers of the *Cosmopolitan*.

Now it is often that one has occasion to look over file of dailies. Not unfrequently a person finds pleasure in looking over several times the cartoons and comments of such papers as *Puck*, *Judge*, *Life* and *Harper's Weekly*, while the monthlies are always interesting and profitable reading, but he can't do it with the present state of affairs. There can be no objection to a person's taking a paper or a magazine away late in the evening and returning it early in the morning, but there is no excuse or cause for wholesale pilfering.

The manager of the reading-room desires to have the dailies on file for one week, and two issues of each weekly and every monthly always to be found in the room. If any article or paper is desired by any student, the same will be preserved and delivered by the manager, if notified, when they are no longer due in the files. Such a state of affairs would seem to be most desirable; surely no one can object to such regulations being enforced. Will not every one co-operate with the manager in his endeavors to preserve the privileges of the room for the students and to preserve uniformity and order in the arrangement of the files and room?

EDGAR R. BROWN.

A famous college president, a clergyman, was addressing the students in the chapel at the beginning of the college year. "It is," he said in conclusion, "a matter of congratulation to all the friends of the college that this year opens with the largest Freshman class in its history." And then, without any pause, he turned to the Scripture lesson for the day, and began reading, in a voice like thunder, "Lord, how they are increased that trouble me."

SEVENTH ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

The seventh annual field-day banquet was held at the Bardwell House, Rutland, Oct. 30. The students, about forty in number, left on the 4:30 p. m. train in a special car trimmed with "white and blue," the college colors, amid the cheers of those who had gathered there to witness the departure. Arriving at their destination they gave the college yell and then marched in order to the hotel. Then dispersing they took in the town. As the eleventh hour drew near, the sight seeing over, they returned to the hotel and sat down to the rich repast spread before them by the proprietors of the Bardwell, and no one failed in doing justice to the occasion. During the banquet hour the quartette rendered several selections. The inner wants satisfied, the next in order were the toasts. Frank B. Wynne acting as toastmaster introduced Alexander Macdonald, the president of the association. His task was to toast "The Association." He gave a brief history of the struggles of the association in its infancy and the endeavors to place it on a solid financial basis, and of its present condition. He then spoke of the need of a good athletic association in every college. That a college was known to a great extent by its success in athletics. The large colleges, Harvard and Yale, suggest to us their boat crews, their football elevens, and their records in the inter-collegiate field-day contests. We have the best of athletic material and could money be obtained to warrant our sending our athletes to compete with other colleges in field-day sports, we certainly would win our share of the prizes. Douglass, '93, then responded to the toast, "Athletics," with an account of our field-day records, some of which were superior to those made at the New England inter collegiate field-day contest, and of the vain endeavors to organize a football team. "The Occasion" was well toasted by Ross, '93. "Our Dramatists," with their successes and failures, were responded to by J. B. Donoway; the college course is but a preparation for the parts to be played by us on the stage of life; the success of the drama depends upon the degree to which we improve our opportunities. The subject, "The Ladies," was handled by F. H. Bigelow in a very pleasing manner. "Old Midd.," the subject assigned to Seeley, '93, was one of enthusiasm to all. "Old Midd.," he said, "will ever be cherished in our hearts as our dearest treasure. In

after years, when time has dimmed our sight and whitened our locks, we will always look back with the greatest of pleasure to our Alma Mater and the four years passed beneath its shadows as the happiest of our lives." Then came the toasts of the different classes. As Colby, who was to toast '92, was absent, the toast was omitted, and Louis Taylor spoke for '93. He gave a brief account of the battles fought and the victories won over their opponents and the prizes credited to members of the class. D. J. Hayes was the representative of '94 in presenting her numerous exploits. The Freshman class was toasted by E. J. Fullam in a very satisfactory and pleasing manner. He said, "Though we as a class have been among you for only a short time, victory has crowned our every undertaking." The orator of the occasion, J. F. McNaboe, being introduced, gave a very interesting and pleasant address on "Everything." The most pleasant part of the programme, perhaps, was the "Poem," by E. R. Brown; a satire on the times, college ways and customs, with class and faculty grinds. The most prominent feature was the parody "Coeds," on the popular song "Comrades." As two of alumni were present, W. K. Dunton, '89, and W. H. Button, '90, the speaker called upon them for remarks. Each spoke for a short time of the pleasant recollections of college life the occasion afforded and wished God-speed to the athletic association in its future career. After giving the college yell the company dispersed. The 2:10 train bore us back to "Old Midd.," and thus was ended the most successful banquet ever given by the athletic association of Middlebury College.

Town and Campus.

[*Items for this department from the town should be such as are of general interest to the alumni. A college monthly can't be a local newspaper, and items purely of local value as news are not wanted.*]

Donoway, '93, was at home for a few days.

The Freshmen have organized a football eleven.

Several of the students are wearing "full beards."

C. R. Benton, formerly of '94, was in town recently.

Hesseltine and Toleman sing in the Methodist choir.

T. H. Noonan '91 was at the college Sunday, Oct. 25th.

Hesselgrave has been chosen leader of the chapel choir.

Rev. L. A. Bigelow of Proctor visited his son at the college recently.

W. J. Douglass was at his home in Norwood, N. Y., for a few days.

Jackson photographed the Sophomores in cane rush attire Oct. 10.

Hasseltine was out of college for a few days on account of sickness.

Prin. Bullock of the High School has been coaching the foot-ball team.

George Riggs, who has been on a training ship for the past six months, is home.

The responses to the circulars sent out by Professor Eaton are very gratifying.

Mr. H. A. Hill of Townsend, Mass., spent a few days in town with Rowley '95.

Prof. Boyce has been giving members of the Sophomore class practice in surveying.

Wynne, '93, and Chapman, '94, spent Sunday, Oct. 2, at their homes in Moriah, N. Y.

The first Junior orations on chapel stage were delivered Saturday morning, Oct. 17.

Mrs. Prof. Eaton gave a tea to the ladies of the Freshman class Saturday, Oct. 31.

A number of the students attended the Y. P. S. C. E. sociable at the Congregational church.

Miss Dorsey '93 gave a Hallowe'en party to several members of the Freshman class at her home.

Hesselgrave has resigned his pastorship at Weybridge, where he preached during the summer.

Eldredge. '95, was out of college for a few days on account of the sickness and death of his mother.

Prof. Howard lectured in Ludlow Oct. 23, in a course under the auspices of Black River Academy.

The president censured the students in relation to the destruction of college property a few mornings ago.

F. B. Seeley, '93, attended the meeting of the State Y. P. S. C. E. as a delegate from the Congregational church.

Hesselgrave, '93; Sturtevant, '95; Dunton, '95, and Sawyer, '92, attended the Choir Festival held at Rutland.

A game of ball on the campus between the Freshmen and a picked nine resulted in a victory of 7 to 6 in favor of the latter nine.

Prof. Janes and Frank Seeley '93 attended the Addison County conference of the Christian endeavor society held at Whiting, Nov. 3.

Megathlin of the Junior class, who has been sick for several weeks with fever at Mrs. Northrop's, is slowly gaining in health. His mother is now here assisting in caring for him.

The ladies' dormitory is now called "Battell Hall," in honor of the late Hon. Joseph Battell of the class of '23, who first contributed funds for its purchase for the use of the college.

The Freshmen, thinking the brush on the campus was not being removed as speedily as it might be, made a midnight bonfire of it, accompanied by the usual war dance and horn serenade.

The Sophomores have placed a flag on the chapel steeple with "'94" in large figures worked upon it. Artist Jackson took a photograph of chapel and flag Oct. 17, with the class on the tower.

Brown, Clark and Sargent were delegates to represent the Middlebury chapter of the Delta Upsilon fraternity at the fifty-seventh annual convention held with the Harvard chapter at Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 11 to 13.

The Sophomore class has elected the following officers: President, A. A. Sargent; vice-president, Miss Ritchie; secretary, Miss Ranslow; treasurer, F. H. Bigelow; toastmaster, S. S. Eddy; orator, H. E. Wells; prophet, C. B. Toleman; historian, O. J. Sawyer; poet, W. J. Murphy.

A Democratic club of twenty members has been organized. The following officers were elected: President, J. F. McNaboe; vice-president, J. B. Donoway; secretary, B. F. Wynne; treasurer, D. J. Hayes; directors, E. R. Brown, C. A. Adams, C. B. Toleman. The club will hold meetings once a month, when po litical subjects will be discussed.

Delta Upsilon has initiated the following: Eben J. Fullam, Ludlow; Charles L. Leonard, Green Island, N. Y.; Richard I. Wooster, Rutland. The initiation spread was held in the rooms of the chapter. Several of the alumni of the town and vicinity were present. The festivities were prolonged to a late hour, when the company dispersed with songs of Delta Upsilon.

A bust of Rev. Dr. Hamlin, formerly president of the college, has been executed and sent to Robert College, Turkey, the scene of the lifework of Dr. Hamlin. A copy of the bust in petrified plaster has been sent Middlebury college and placed in the chapel. A copy has also been sent to Bowdoin college, where Dr. Hamlin for a time labored. The bust is life size and highly finished, and a valuable gift to the college.

Hon. Edmond B. Fairfield, U. S. minister at Lyons and son of Micaiah Fairfield of the class of 1809, has presented the college with two silk flags, the product of the Lyons manufactories. Though his own college is Oberlin, he has always felt an interest in Middlebury, whose name was among his first recollections. He sends the flags in remembrance of his father's connection with, and his own esteem for, the college.

The cane rush between the Sophomore and Freshman classes was held on the campus Oct. 10. The classes were drawn up in line two hundred feet apart, and midway between was the cane in possession of a Sophomore and a Freshman. At the discharge of a pistol the classes rushed to help their respective man. After five minutes of hard work the Freshmen succeeded in getting the cane on their side and won the rush. The boys were tired out, and one had to be carried from the field. During the rush Mr. Jackson, photographer, did great work with his camera. After the rush the classes had their pictures taken. A large crowd assembled to witness one of the best rushes ever held here.

The initiation banquet of Delta Kappa Epsilon was held Friday evening, Oct. 23, at the Pierce House. The active members and a few alumni were present. After preliminary ceremonies in their parlors, they gathered at the Pierce House, and sat down at three o'clock, when an elaborate menu was served, sandwiched with fraternity songs. Toasts were responded to as follows, William J. Douglass officiating as master: Delta Kappa Epsilon, F. B. Wynne; The Faculty, O. J. Sawyer; Our Legal Lights, A. D. Mead; Alpha Alpha, F. B. Seeley; D. K. E. Girls, C. E. Hesselgrave; The Initiates, L. Taylor; The Fiend, W. C. Sturtevant. Several other responses were given and the hall resounded with D. K. E. songs and cheers, until the banquet closed with the "Mystic circle." The initiates are Earl L. Cushman, Middlebury; William H. Eldredge, East Middlebury; Walter S. Grant, Cuyahoga Falls, O.; William C. Sturtevant, Ware, Mass.; Charles A. Adams, Arlington, Vt.; Edward H. Dorsey, Middlebury; George Charles Douglass, Norwood, N. Y.; Alfred M. Rowley, Townsend, Mass.; P. H. Williamson. Middlebury.

Hallowe'en passed off very quietly.

The Reading Room has been rather cold lately.

Dunton, '95, is football manager for their class team.

Water pipes have been laid from the main to Painter hall.

Wilson, '95, spent Oct. 25 with his parents at Port Henry.

Clarence Wells visited his many friends at college recently.

Chapel exercises were suspended Saturday morning, 31st.

Geo. S. Wright has been initiated into the Chi Psi fraternity.

Chas. Dunton, '95, visited his parents at Rutland on the 11th ult.

Electric lights are being placed in the halls and in the reading room.

Mrs. Sawyer of Templeton, Mass., is visiting her son, O. J. Sawyer.

Electric lights have made their way into many rooms in Starr Hall.

Miss Ross and Miss Merriam passed Sunday, Nov. 15, at Burlington, Vt.

Missess Heath and Verder, '95, visited their home at Rutland on Oct. 25.

Hasseltine, '93, was confined a few days last month to his home at Bristol on account of sickness.

Mrs. Merriman, mother of Prof. Merriman, is quite sick at the professor's home on Weybridge St.

Miss Carrie Steele of this town has been elected president of the Senior class of Smith College.

The President and Prof. Howard attended ex-Governor Smith's funeral at St. Albans Nov. 10.

The Phila May concert at the town hall Nov. 10 drew a large crowd. Many of the students attended.

The President kindly excused the students from chapel exercises the Saturday morning after the college supper.

The coal haulers have experienced much trouble by the students cutting their ropes and playing havoc with them generally.

Leonard, '95, is pastor of Methodist church at Ripton, instead of the Congregational, as reported in the last Undergraduate.

Our College colors, as we all know, are blue and white. There are seven colleges in the United States who have the same colors.

Rowley, '95, who roomed at his uncle's, Hon. James M. Slade, during the first part of the term, has moved into room 18 in the dormitory.

Charles E. Hesselgrave was the delegate from the Alpha Alpha chapter to the Delta Kappa Epsilon convention held at Cleveland, O., the 11th and 12th.

The Elective class met at the house of Professor Eaton on Friday, Nov. 6, for the Greek evening. The subject of discussion was "Olympia and its treasures."

The President's annual reception to the students and towns-people was held Friday evening, October 16. A large number, including several of the alumni, were present.

Prof. Wright read a paper at the forty-second annual meeting of the State Teachers' association held at Montpelier Nov. 5-7 on "The Literary Need of the Public Schools."

The "Freshies" had their picture taken in front of the chapel on the 3d inst. They were greatly annoyed by the Sophs., who threw a barrel of shavings upon them from above.

Parker Williamson, a graduate of the Middlebury High school, who has been spending his vacation in Colorado, has entered the Freshman class, swelling the number to twenty-nine.

A Freshman had the fact pretty plainly impressed on his mind and body, too, a few mornings ago, that Freshmen were not expected to precede the Sophomores in marching out of chapel.

The turf has been removed from the ball ground ready to be put into shape for playing in the spring. This is a decided improvement, as the condition of field in the past has been anything but suitable for playing ball.

The Hawthorne club met on Tuesday, the 27th, at Prof. Eaton's. The vacancies in the membership were filled by the election of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Webber, Prof. and Mrs. Merriman, Mrs. C. N. Brainerd, Miss Mattie Daunis, Miss Wheeler, preceptress of the High School, and Principal Bullock.

The Glee Club are now rehearsing five hours a week, and will be ready to give concerts in a few weeks. The prominent feature, of their programme

will be the quartette and solo singing. The quartette is without doubt the best we have ever had in Middlebury College. The first concert will probably be given in Middlebury between the 15th and 20th of December. The club then intends taking a trip through northern New York during vacation and next winter will give concerts in the principal towns of Vermont.

Personals.

[*The editor of this department appreciates the fact that it is one of special interest to the alumni. But as they are widely scattered and many are unknown to him, he asks them to send to the Undergraduate from time to time whatever items they may come in possession of and thus aid in making this department what the alumni desires it to be and what the editors endeavor to make it.*]

'35. Theodore Gay sends in his subscription and well wishes to the Undergraduate.

'40. Hon. E. J. Phelps was in town recently and purchased a fine span of driving horses.

'52. Dr. L. D. Ross has been elected president of the Fourteenth Vt. Reunion Association. Dr. Ross is now practicing in Rutland.

'53. J. T. Rice and wife are the guests of Mr. Charles Lane. Mr. Rice has been for the past thirty years in the law business and journalism in the West and is at present located in New York city.

'58. We have just received information of the death of A. W. Train, last May. The account comes too late for publicaton in this issue, but will be printed in the next.

'61. Hon. E. H. Phelps has removed to Montgomery, Minn. Mr. Phelps has been for 18 years cashier of the First National bank of Fair Haven, Vt., although at the same time having business interests in Minnesota and Iowa. He finally found it necessary to go West and engage actively in his business.

'62. Park Davis of Sioux Falls, Dakota, has been very seriously ill for the past few weeks.

'65. Hon. George Z. Erwin was re-elected to the New York Senate by a large majority.

'69. Col. Fred D. Mussey has succeeded Gen. H. V. Boynton as chief of the Washington bureau of the Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette. A change of ownership has recently transpired on the paper, John R. McLean, proprietor of the Enquirer, securing a controlling interest. The Commercial-Gazette has supported President Harrison for a second term, but under the new management Col. Mussey's efforts will be devoted to the advancement of the Blaine boom.

'73. We would like to obtain the present address of Rev. W. H. Utley, who for some time preached at Parsons, Kan.

'74. H. S. Boardman, who has been very sick with typhoid fever, is improving.

'75. C. M. Wilds was at Montpelier during the session of the supreme court.

'77. Prof. W. I. Twitchell of Hartford, Conn., spoke before the teachers of Westchester Co., N. Y., Nov. 14 on "Some essentials of U. S. history for Grammar schools."

'78. It was incorrectly stated in our last number that W. H. Shaw died in the hospital. He died at his home.

'82. Prof. S. J. Preston has been re-elected president of the Westchester Co. Teachers' association.

'83. C. B. F. Palmer was in town and vicinity for a few days recently.

'81. The work on a new Koordish translation has been inaugurated under the general direction of the Rev. Mr. Barton of Harpoot. The gospel of Matthew has been translated into simple Koordish by some of the pastors who are laboring in the Koordish field and are intimately acquainted with the language. A number of manuscript copies have been prepared and will be sent out to various places for the purpose of determining whether the language used is generally understood and whether the translation is on the whole acceptable. Should it prove to be so Mr. Barton will proceed without further delay to the printing of this version of Matthew.

'82. Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Leavenworth of Cleveland, O., visited last summer Hon. and Mrs. L. D. Eldredge, '57, Mrs. Leavenworth's parents.

'86. The following lines from the pen of Marvin Hill Dana appeared in the New York Sun a short time ago:

"Two sorts of men are sufferers on this earth;
Towards virtue, or towards vice each runs to goal;
Sin laughs, but anguish mocks and dooms its mirth—
For evil breeds more pain to damn the soul
Than would suffice to win it Heaven's best worth."

'88. Rev. John L. Zelie of Plymouth, Conn., who was a member of '87 two years and graduated from

Williams, was married October first to Miss Henrietta Campbell of Cherryfield, Maine. The wedding took place in the Congregational church of that place.

'88. Eugene E. Howe was in town recently on business.

'89. The engagement of W. K. Dunton to Miss Douglass of Pittsford has been announced.

'89. L. R. Raine has prepared an index to vols. 14, 15 and 16 of the UNDERGRADUATE, which will appear in the December number.

'89. Louis W. Austin sailed from New York for Germany on the Westernland Nov. 15. He will study at Strasburg University for a year.

'90. W. H. Button attended the college banquet at Rutland.

'90. Miss H. E. Bolton has gone to Boston to visit her sister.

'90. Richard McKey has been seriously ill with typhoid fever at his home in Chicago, but is now convalescent.

'91. Harry Johnson of Middlebury and Williams is doing field work for the U. S. Geological Survey.

'91. F. H. Walker has secured a position as traveling salesman for the National Tobacco company.

'91. We clip the following from the Monroe County Mail: "Friday evening, Sept. 25, at a public meeting of the W. C. T. U., held in the M. E. church of Webster, Mrs. M. F. Abbott, president of the union, in a very neat and appropriate speech presented a large flag to the Union Free school. F. D. Boynton, principal, in behalf of the school, accepted the flag, and in a most delightful manner addressed the audience on the subject of "The Public School System as a Factor in our Government." Our school, under Mr. Boynton's management, has commenced the year in a flourishing condition, and promises to be one of the most prosperous years in its history."

'92. G. H. Kelton has been chosen captain of the Harvard crew.

American colleges derive about two-fifths of their income from students, while English universities only one-tenth from the same source.

It is stated that eighty per cent of all men who have been editors of college papers have followed journalism as a profession.—*Ex.*

Coeducational.

Of 389 colleges in the United States 237 are co-educational.—*Ex.*

Women were admitted to Ann Arbor in 1870. In 1871 there were 34 and last year 445.

J. Homer Wade, Jr., has given land to the Woman's college of Western Reserve university at Cleveland.

Four hundred students have been in residence at Girton college since 1869. Of these 231 have obtained university honors.

A woman's university club of the city of New York was incorporated recently. Its objects are the promotion of literature and art, and the social welfare of college-bred women, by the establishment and maintenance of a club house in New York city.

Since Miss Coit of New London passed the Yale entrance examinations last June, it has been discovered that some members of the faculty and corporation of Yale favor the admission of women on the same footing as at Harvard. President Dwight also favors an annex.

More women than men avail themselves of the advantages of the university extension teaching in Cambridge, Eng. According to the last report 1025 women and 426 men have been awarded certificates the past year. Thirty-nine women and 10 men have taken the vice-chancellor's certificate.

The classes of '92, '93 and '94 of the Harvard Annex gave a reception to the Freshman class, which numbers 102. The Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores "pour" and usher, the presidents of the three classes receiving. This annual tea is the only form of hazing indulged in by the annex girls.—*Ex.*

There are 215 students at the Harvard Annex, a gain of 41 over last year. More courses are offered than last year, and more of those offered are taken. The historical department is probably better equipped than that at any other college in the country, while the astrononical department is far ahead of the college.

Too much social dissipation among the students of the Northwestern university (co-educational) at Evanston, Ill., last year, has resulted in the formation of a set of rules that are intended to emphasize the idea that young men and women go to college to

study and not for social diversion. According to the new rules young men will be allowed to call at the "fem. sem." only between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening of each day of the week except Friday, when they may stay until 9:30 o'clock. Hereafter the lights will be extinguished at 10:30, the young women will be expected to report to the principal at 8:30 each and every evening, and no young woman will be allowed to leave the building after 7:30 o'clock at night without a chapron. This means, observes a critic, theater tickets for three instead of two in the future, as well as a number of other more or less serious inconveniences.—*Ex.*

College Notes.

Six students have been expelled from Cornell for using unauthorized helps in examinations.

More than two hundred different courses of instruction are offered Harvard students this year.

The net profits of the Yale Glee and Banjo Clubs for the past year were $3,873, of which $1800 were given to the crew.

Vassar starts on her new year with 393 students, 172 of whom are new. The Freshman class alone numbers 120 members.

Wellesley College has an endowment of $2,500,000, Bryn Mawr of $1,000,000, Vassar of $1,200,000 and Smith of $400,000.—*Ex.*

The Freshman class at Yale numbers more than 500, at Williams 105, at Amherst 82 and at Wesleyan 70, including five women.

Prof. Harriet Cooke, professor of history in Cornell, is the first woman with the chair and equal pay with the men professors. She has taught in Cornell twenty-three years.

The Western College of Toledo, Iowa, has advertised that if any person will contribute $100,000 either in cash or securities, the name of the college will be changed to the name of the donor.—*Ex.*

It is said that the number of male students attending college in this country has increased one hundred and forty-one per cent. within the last forty years, while the population has increased only seventy-two per cent.

The Boston *Globe* has made a proposition to the Harvard faculty to establish two scholarsnips, each scholarship to entitle a graduate to one year's tuition and training on the *Globe* staff, and five hundred dollars expenses.—*Ex.*

Daniel P. Baldwin of Logansport, Ind., has offered a prize of $100 to the student of any college who will prepare the best essay on the subject, "The Merits and Defects of the McKinley Tariff Act of 1890," before April 15, 1892.—*Ex.*

The faculty of the University of Wisconsin have inaugurated a radical innovation in college government by the abolition of examinations and all excuses for absences, except when the class standing is below 85 per cent., or the absences more than 10 per cent.

The ordinary plan of university work is to be considerably varied in the new University of Chicago. One of the striking features of the plan is the division of the scholastic year into four quarters, each divided into two terms of six weeks, with a week between each quarter. The standing of a student will be determined from his term grade, from an examination at the completion of the course and from a second examination taken twelve weeks after the first. A student may take his vacation any one of the four quarters, or two terms of six weeks in different parts of the year. The university expects to open in '92 with at least 800 students.—*Ex.*

Our Farrago.

(Political Economy class.) Student—The more labor one puts on a piece of land the more he gets.

Doc.—On the whole?

Student—No. In the hole.

A QUARTER OF EIGHT.

"My daughter," and voice was stern,
"You must set this matter right:
What time did that Sophomore leave the house
Who sent in his card last night?"

"His work was pressing, father, dear,
And his love for it is great;
He took his leave and went his way
Before a quarter of eight."

Then a twinkle came in her bright blue eye,
And her dimples deeper grew,
"'Tis surely no harm to tell him that,
For a quarter of eight is *two*." —*Ex.*

Prof. in Logic discussing terms: — "Does man properly embrace woman?"—*Ex.*

Prof. (To young lady in geometry class. "You have an excellent figure."

Young Lady. "I have often heard that before."

Senior Lad. "Are you a member of that new Psychical Society that has just been formed?"

Senior Lass: "No, but my sister is, and I often go out on her wheel."

Tommy—Why do you sit so close to Sue?

Mr. S.—My dear boy, don't you know that the force of attraction varies inversely as the square of the distance?

Tommy—Oh! But why do you love big sister better than you do me?

Mr. S.—My dear boy, don't you know that the force of attraction varies as the product masses.

Tommy—Oh!—*Ex.*

Instructor. (To young elocutionist in an attempt to represent the meeting of two intimate friends.) "Try and make this just as realistic as possible: Now what would you do if you were to meet your father at this very instant."

Young Elocutionist. "I'd 'strike' him for a 'V.'"

In defining a kiss some grave Vassar girls fell
Into quite a scholastic discussion.
At length all agreed 'twas described very well
As an "osculatory concussion." —*Brunonian.*

HE WAS ALL RIGHT.

Professor—"I think your idea as to *antidote* is a little obscure; explain to me just what you mean by it."

L———— '92, confusedly but earnestly—"Well, if a fellow dotes on a girl and she dotes on some other fellow, her dote is an antidote to my dote, is'nt it?"

A FRESHMAN'S QUID PRO QUO.

He stood at the black-board working very hard over a problem. There was a large protuberance on his cheek which might have been caused by his tongue; but the teacher thought otherwise. Laying his finger gently upon the suspicious lump, Professor Digge asked in penetrating tones: "*Quid est hoc?*"

Matthew Matics was startled, but he did not lose his presence of mind. Shifting the bunch to his other cheek, he looked the professor coolly in the face and replied: "*Hoc est quid.*"

A WINNING FLUSH.

One night for kisses with a maid
At draw, with throbbing heart, I played;
I won, and straightway from her lips
Received full value for my chips;
But from that time I was no more,
A royal flush her face spread o'er.

AS OVERHEARD.

"Well, good night", said the ardent Freshman after a two hours call, "I think I'd better go now, for if I staid two minutes longer I should be tempted to kiss you". "Good night" she demurely replied and then as he was going added, "Oh, by-the-way, let me show you my new sachet bag before you go, it will only take a couple of minutes." It may be safely inferred that the situation was embraced and that the fair maiden was surely in it.

Prof. in Psychology—"As we go along perhaps we will find 'Sully' to be more logical than he now seems to be."

Prof. in Rhetoric—"You misunderstand. In this example the man's being dead is only a 'condition.'"

Junior—"But if a man is murdered you must admit that he is dead."

Exchanges.

The Exchange list for this issue is somewhat larger than usual. College journals are now under full pressure and the stream of the college year has commenced. If we were to judge the quality of a paper entirely from the apperance of the cover, we would place the *Bowdoin Orient*, *The Bates Student*, *The Tuftonian* and *The Haverfordian* among the first of our exchanges. They are artistic and finely finished papers, of which the editors may feel proud. Going beyond the covers we find that there is excellent literary matter in these journals, the poetry of the *Orient* demanding special praise and attention and the *Haverfordian* of October a very readable article on the New England village.

The editorials of the *University Herald* are worthy of especial attention and are the chief feature of the *Herald*. They are practical and to the point. This is more commendable from the fact that most college papers seem to have editorials for the purpose of filling space. We believe the editorial columns

should be the main feature of the college journal, and the editorials the head, not the tail, of the paper.

The Hesperian of the University of Nebraska is one of our new exchanges. While we would not rank it high among our exchanges of more experience and better support, yet it has some very commendable features and we wish it a good future.

It is a pleasing fact to notice that there is evidence of a revival of poetry among the colleges. This is a welcome fact and we hope to see the good work continued; much can be done by the student whose taste runs in that direction.

Reviews.

That great American periodical, *The Century*, is going to outdo its own unrivaled record in its programme for 1892, and as many of its new features begin with the November number, new readers should commence with that issue.

In this number are the opening chapters of "The Naulahka," a novel by Rudyard Kipling, the famous author of "Plain Tales from the Hills," written in collaboration with an American writer, Wolcott Balestier. It is the story of a young man and a young woman from a "booming" Colorado town, who go to India, he in search of a wonderful jeweled necklace, called "the Naulahka" (from which the story takes its name), and she as a physician to women. The novel describes their remarkable adventure at the court of an Indian maharajah. Besides this, *The Century* will print three other novels during the year, and a great number of short stories by the best American story-writers.

The well-known humorist Edgar W. Nye ("Bill Nye") is to write a series of amusing sketches which he calls his "autobiographies," the first one of which, "The Autobiography of a Justice of the Peace," is in November.

A celebrated Spanish writer is to furnish a "Life of Columbus," which will be brilliantly illustrated, and the publishers of *The Century* have arranged with the managers to the World's Fair to print articles on the buildings, etc.

One of the novels to appear in 1892 is A Story of New York Life by the author of "The Anglomaniacs," and the magazine will contain a great deal about the metropolis during the year,—among other things a series of illustrated articles on "The Jews in New York."

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